

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION  
USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)**

Title of Invention      **MAGNETIC ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS**

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or  
☒ Application No. 09/972,752, filed on October 5, 2001,  
☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)**

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Signature: R. D. Nargessi      Citizen of: United States

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_      Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor 3      \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Inventor 4      \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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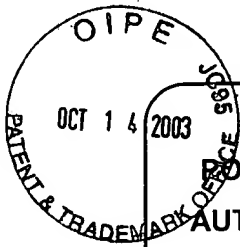


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Application Number	09/972,752
Filing Date	October 5, 2001
First Named Inventor	R.D. Nargessi
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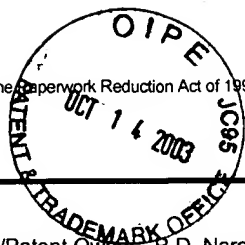
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Applicant/Patent Owner: R.D. Nargessi

Application No./Patent No.: 09/972,752

Filed/Issue Date: October 5, 2001

Entitled: MAGNETIC ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

Cortex Biochem, Inc., a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of an undivided part interest

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

5/12/03  
Date

LEONARD I. KARP  
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LEONARD I. KARP  
Typed or printed name  
PRESIDENT, CEO  
Title

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Attorney Docket No. 09/972,752-0004-0015

**RECEIVED****ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION**

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WHEREAS, R. D. Nargessi of 551 Creedon Circle, Alameda, CA 94502 hereinafter referred to as "Assignor," is the inventor of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention:       MAGNETIC ISOLATION AND PURIFICATION OF  
                                  NUCLEIC ACIDS

Date(s) of execution of Declaration:   05/12/03

Filing Date:               October 5, 2001

Application No.:           09/972,752

WHEREAS, Cortex Biochem, Inc., located at 1933 Davis Street, Suite 321, San Leandro, CA, 94577, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has assigned, and by these presents does assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on any patent application claiming priority from the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignor further agrees that Assignor will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

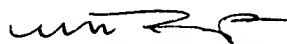
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his/her name on the date indicated.

Dated: 5/12/03

R.D. Nargessi

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Dated: 5/12/03



Signature of Witness

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